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# 'It was tough': World War II veterans return to Utah Beach

By SYLVIE CORBET and JEFFREY SCHAEFFER  
Associated Press

**ON UTAH BEACH, France (AP)** — World War II veterans shared vivid memories of D-Day and the fighting as dozens returned to Normandy beaches and key battle sites to mark the 79th anniversary of the decisive assault that led to the liberation of France and Western Europe from Nazi control.

Looking at the vastness of Utah Beach, its sand blowing in strong wind and bright sunshine, 99-year-old Robert Gibson remembered: "it was tough."

Gibson landed there on June 6, 1944 alongside more than 150,000 other Allied troops.

He said there were "lots of casualties. We had almost run over bodies to get in the beach. Never forget we were only 18, 19 years old. ... I'm glad I made it."

The first job of his battalion, he said, was "to guard an ammunition dump and the first night it got struck. You didn't know where you were to go. Bullets were going all over the place. But we ducked it."

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World War II veteran Britain's Bill Gladden, left, speaks with U.S WWII veteran Jack M. Larson in the Pegasus Bridge memorial in Benouville, Normandy, Monday June 5, 2023.

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# 'It was tough': World War II veterans return to Utah Beach

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On Monday, veterans have been greeted to the sound of bagpipes at the Pegasus Memorial, where they attended a ceremony commemorating a key operation in the first minutes of the D-Day operations, when troops had to take control of a strategic bridge.

World War II veterans Jake Larson, a 100-year-old American, and Bill Glad-den, a 99-year-old British national, met at the memorial where they had a close discussion.

"I want to give you a hug, thank you. I got tears in my eyes. We were meant to meet," Larson told Glad-den, their hands clasped.

Larson, who has more than 600,000 followers on TikTok, explained with enthusiasm:

"I'm just a country boy. Now I'm a star on TikTok. You can see me all over: 'Papa Jake.' I'm a legend! I didn't plan this, it came about."

Larson landed on Omaha Beach, where he ran under machine-gun fire and made it to the cliffs without being wounded.

"I'm 100 without an ache or a pain. You can't fake that," he said.

U.S. veteran Andrew Negra returned for the first time to Utah Beach this year. The last time he stood there was when he landed on July 18, 1944.

He was "amazed" by the



U.S. war veterans salute during a ceremony outside the Pegasus Bridge memorial in Benouville, Normandy, Monday June 5, 2023.

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warm welcome from local French people: "Every place we went, people are cheering, clapping, and they've been doing this for I don't know how many years."

At age 99, Negra is the only member of his battalion who is still alive. Braving the wind to walk on the beach for a few minutes, he said, "So many we lost. And here I am."

Negra participated in combat operations until his division reached eastern Germany in April 1945.

On Sunday, more than 40 American veterans of World War II formed a parade, us-

ing wheelchairs, along the streets of the small town of Sainte-Mere-Eglise, where thousands of paratroopers jumped not long after midnight on June 6, 1944.

Cheerful crowds applauded, calling out "Merci" and "Thank you." Children waved, and many families asked for a photo with the men.

Donnie Edwards, president of the Best Defense Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps World War II veterans visit former battlefields, said, "For us, every year is a big one."

Given the ages of the soldiers who fought nearly

eight decades ago, Edwards observed, "Nothing is guaranteed. So we want to make sure that we do everything we can to get them an incredible and enjoyable experience."

The veterans then headed to Sainte-Marie-du-Mont for a brief ceremony at a monument honoring the U.S. Navy that overlooks Utah Beach.

"The fallen will never be forgotten. The veteran will ever be honored," an inscription in the stone reads. Some of the almost-centenarians asked volunteers to accompany them on the wide stretch of sand.

Matthew Yacovino, 98, became emotional as he remembered what happened there to his older brother, who almost died after his jeep blew up during the landings.

"The driver got killed and my brother fell on the beach unconscious," Yacovino said with tears in the eyes. His brother eventually recovered. Yacovino himself served as a U.S. combat air crewman during the war. Like others who come to Normandy for historical reenactments of what transpired there, Valérie and Lionel Draucourt, visitors from the Paris region, dressed in khaki uniforms. They wanted to pay their respects to the veterans.

"Frankly, I don't think we can quite fathom what they lived through. We can't understand it, it's so big, it's crazy," Lionel Draucourt said.

Veterans were due to take part in official ceremonies of the 79th anniversary on Tuesday, including at the Normandy American Cemetery. On D-Day, Allied troops landed on the beaches code-named Omaha, Utah, Juno, Sword and Gold, carried by 7,000 boats. On that single day, 4,414 Allied soldiers lost their lives, 2,501 of them Americans. More than 5,000 were wounded.

On the German side, several thousand were killed or wounded. □



Members of an American landing unit help their comrades ashore during the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944 near Sainte-Mere-Eglise.

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**OMAHA BEACH, France (AP)** — The D-Day invasion that helped change the

course of World War II was unprecedented in scale and audacity. As veter-

## Remembering D-Day: Key facts and figures about epochal World War II invasion

ans and world dignitaries commemorate the 79th anniversary of the operation, here's a look at some details about what happened:

### WHO TOOK PART

Nearly 160,000 Allied troops landed in Normandy on June 6, 1944. Of those, 73,000 were from the United States, 83,000 from Britain and Canada. Forces from several other countries were also involved, including French troops fighting with Gen.

Charles de Gaulle against the Nazi occupation. They faced around 50,000 German forces.

More than 2 million Allied soldiers, sailors, pilots, medics and other people from a dozen countries were involved in the overall Operation Overlord, the battle to wrest western France from Nazi control that started on D-Day.

### WHERE AND WHEN

The sea landings started at 6:30 a.m. local time, just after dawn, targeting five

code-named beaches, one after the other: Omaha, Utah, Gold, Sword, Juno.

The operation also included actions inland, including overnight parachute landings on strategic German sites and U.S. Army Rangers scaling cliffs to take out German gun positions.

Around 11,000 Allied aircraft, 7,000 ships and boats, and thousands of other vehicles were involved in the invasion. □



# A man wants to trademark 'Trump too small' for T-shirts

By JESSICA GRESKO  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Supreme Court said Monday it will hear a case in which a man tried to trademark a phrase mocking former President Donald Trump as "too small." The Justice Department is supporting President Joe Biden's once and possibly future rival in urging the court to deny a trademark for the suggestive phrase "Trump too small" that a California man wants to put on T-shirts. The case will be argued in the fall, one of two disputes on the court's upcoming agenda that involve Trump or one of his businesses. Government officials said the phrase "Trump too small" could still be used, just not trademarked because Trump had not consented to its use. But a federal appeals court said refusing trademark registration violated free speech rights. The high court has consid-



The Supreme Court is seen in Washington, on Nov. 5, 2020.

ered a raft of Trump-related cases in recent years. The justices have dealt with cases about Trump's claims of fraud in the 2000 election and with his efforts to shield his tax records from Congress and to keep other tax records from prosecutors

in New York, among other things. If the justices are tired of Trump-related cases, however, they aren't letting on. Just last month, the high court agreed to hear a different Trump-related lawsuit stemming from dis-

putes over what was the Trump International Hotel in Washington. Democratic members of the House Oversight Committee sued over the Trump administration's refusal to turn over information about the Trump Organization's lease of the

hotel. The latest case is unusual in that it has the Biden administration on Trump's side. The administration is defending government officials' decision to reject the trademark request from Steve Elster, who tried to register the "Trump too small" phrase. The phrase is a reference to a memorable exchange Trump had during the 2016 presidential campaign with Florida senator and GOP presidential rival Marco Rubio. Rubio began the verbal jousting when he told supporters at a rally that Trump was always calling him "little Marco" but that Trump who says he is 6-feet-3-inches tall has disproportionately small hands. "Have you seen his hands? ... And you know what they say about men with small hands," Rubio said. "You can't trust them." Trump then brought up the comment at a televised debate on March 3, 2016. □

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## Permit-to-purchase: Oregon's tough new gun law faces federal court test

By CLAIRE RUSH  
Associated Press

**PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)** — A federal trial over Oregon's voter-approved gun control measure is set to open Monday in Portland, marking a critical next step for one of the toughest gun control laws in the nation after months of being tied up in the courts. The trial, which will be held before a judge and not a jury, will determine whether the law violates the U.S. Constitution. It comes after a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision on the Second Amendment that has upended gun laws across the country, dividing judges and sowing confusion over what firearm restrictions can remain on the books. It changed the test that low-

er courts had long used for evaluating challenges to firearm restrictions, telling judges that gun laws must be consistent with the "historical tradition of firearm regulation." The Oregon measure's fate is being carefully watched as one of the first new gun restrictions passed since the Supreme Court ruling last June. The legal battle over in Oregon could well last beyond the trial. Whatever the judge decides, the ruling is likely to be appealed, potentially moving all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court. Oregon voters in November narrowly passed Measure 114, which requires residents to undergo safety training and a background check to obtain a permit to

buy a gun. The legislation also bans the sale, transfer or import of gun magazines with more than 10 rounds unless they are owned by law enforcement or a military member or were owned before the measure's passage. Those who already own high-capacity magazines can only possess them at home or use them at a firing range, in shooting competitions or for hunting as allowed by state law after the measure takes effect. The Oregon Firearms Federation and a county sheriff filed the federal lawsuit in November, contending it violated the right to bear arms under the Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Democratic Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and former



Firearms are displayed at a gun shop in Salem, Ore., Feb. 19, 2021.

Associated Press

Democratic Gov. Kate Brown are named as defendants. It was one of several lawsuits filed over the measure. In a separate lawsuit, filed in state court in rural and sparsely populated Harney County in southeastern Oregon, Gun Owners of America Inc., the Gun Owners Foundation and several individual gun owners claimed the law violates

the Oregon Constitution. The judge presiding over that case, Harney County Judge Robert S. Raschio, in December ordered the law to be put on hold. Because the lawsuit challenged Measure 114 under the state constitution and not the U.S. Constitution, it held precedence in the state, legal experts said. A trial is scheduled for September. □



## 2nd flight carrying migrants lands in Sacramento

By **TRÂN NGUYỄN** and **OLGA R. RODRIGUEZ**  
**Associated Press**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)**

— Another plane carrying migrants arrived in Sacramento on Monday, marking the second flight in recent days that California officials allege was coordinated by Florida.

The flight carrying roughly 20 migrants that arrived Monday follows the arrival Friday of 16 migrants from Colombia and Venezuela, who were taken from Texas to New Mexico before they were put on a chartered plane to California's capital. It's not clear what countries the latest group of arrivals are from, but their travel appears to have been arranged by the same company, said Tara Gallegos, a spokesperson for California Attorney General Rob Bonta.

Bonta says he's investigating whether any crimes were committed.

The first group of migrants was dropped off at the Roman Catholic Church diocese's headquarters in Sacramento.

They carried documents



**California Attorney General Rob Bonta speaks at a news conference at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif., Feb. 23, 2022.**

that said they were transported through a program run by Florida's Division of Emergency Management and carried out by contractor Vertol Systems Co., Gallegos said. She said she couldn't share the documents because they are part of an active investiga-

tion.

Spokespeople for the Florida Division of Emergency Management and Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis have not confirmed Florida's involvement, and Vertol Systems didn't respond to requests for comment.

"While we continue to col-

lect evidence, I want to say this very clearly: State-sanctioned kidnapping is not a public policy choice, it is immoral and disgusting," Bonta said in a statement.

The migrants entered the U.S. through Texas. Eddie Carmona, campaign di-

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rector at PICO California, a faith-based group that helps migrants, said U.S. immigration officials had already processed the young women and men and given them court dates for their asylum cases when "individuals representing a private contractor" approached them outside a migrant center in El Paso, Texas, and offered to help them get jobs and get them to their final destinations.

"They were lied to and intentionally deceived," Carmona said, adding that the migrants had no idea where they were after being dropped off in Sacramento. He said they have court dates in cities throughout the country, not only in Texas, and that none of them meant to end up in California.

Asylum seekers can change the location of their court appearances, but many are reluctant to try and instead prefer sticking with a firm date, at least for their initial appearances. They figure it is a guarantee, even if horribly inconvenient. □

## Hoskin wins another 4-year term as chief of Cherokee Nation

**TAHLEQUAH, Okla. (AP)** —

Cherokee Nation's Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. won reelection to another four-year term as leader of the nation's most populous tribe, according to unofficial results posted Monday on the tribe's website.

Those results, which are expected to be certified later Monday by the tribe's Election Commission, show Hoskin won nearly 63% of the vote in the four-way race for chief, a position similar to the governor of a state. Hoskin's running mate, Bryan Warner, won reelection to deputy chief with about 62% of the vote. Both needed to secure more than 50% to avoid a runoff.

"Today, we celebrate not only a victory but a re-

newal of our shared commitment to the principles that have guided our nation for centuries," Hoskin and Warner said in a joint statement. "Together, we

will confront the challenges that lie ahead, united in our determination to uplift and empower every member of our Cherokee family."

Hoskin, a 38-year-old at-



**Cherokee Nation Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr., speaks during a House Rules Committee hearing at the Capitol in Washington, Nov. 16, 2022.**

**Associated Press**

torney, ran on a platform of protecting tribal sovereignty, investing in improved health and wellness for tribal citizens and funding efforts to protect its language.

During Hoskin's first four years in office, the Cherokee Nation has seen its tribal budget more than triple with the help of an infusion of federal funding and its sprawling reservation in northeast Oklahoma was upheld in a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision on tribal sovereignty. The nation has also seen its effort to have a tribal delegate seated in Congress pick up steam.

The results show three of the eight tribal council races on the ballot in Saturday's election will head to a run-

off election in July. Those elected to a seat on the 17-member council without a runoff include Julia Coates, Joe Deere, Kevin Easley Jr., Daryl Legg and Dora Patzkowski.

By any measure, the last four years have been remarkable for the Cherokee Nation.

Based in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, the Cherokee Nation has a population that has risen in recent years to more than 450,000 members. It is one of 39 federally recognized tribes with headquarters in a state once known as Indian Territory, where indigenous people were forced to relocate in the 1800s as European settlers expanded westward. □



## U.S. Navy says Iran Revolutionary Guard fast-attack boats 'harassed' ship

By JON GAMBRELL

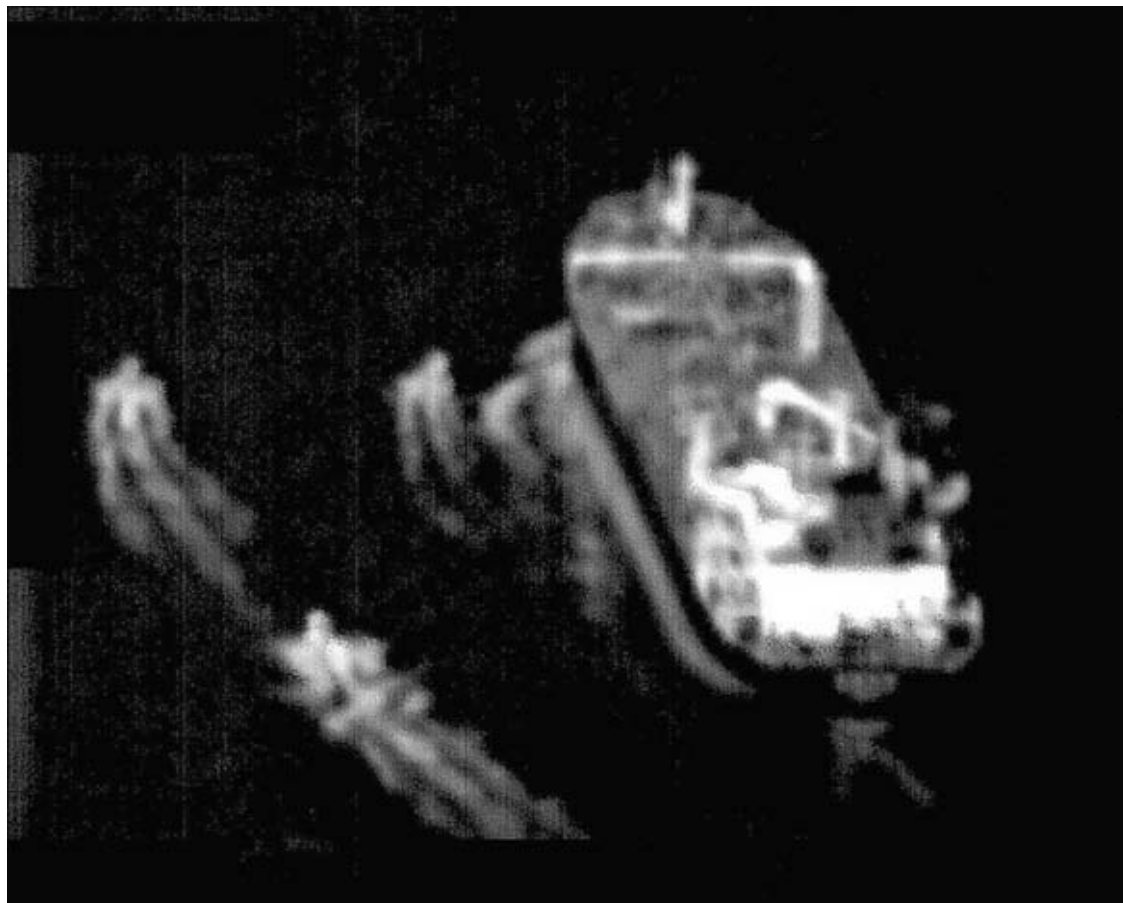
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**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** — The U.S. Navy said Monday its sailors and the United Kingdom Royal Navy came to the aid of a ship in the crucial Strait of Hormuz after Iran's Revolutionary Guard "harassed" it.

Three fast-attack Guard vessels with armed troops aboard approached the merchant ship at a close distance Sunday afternoon, the U.S. Navy said in a statement. It offered black-and-white images it said came from a U.S. Navy Boeing P-8 Poseidon overhead, which showed three small ships close to the commercial ship.

The U.S. Navy's guided-missile destroyer USS McFaul and the Royal Navy's frigate HMS Lancaster responded to the incident, with the Lancaster launching a helicopter.

"The situation deescalated approximately an hour later when the merchant vessel confirmed the fast-attack craft departed the scene," the Navy said. "The merchant ship continued transiting the Strait of Hormuz without further incident."



**This still image taken from surveillance video from a U.S. Navy Boeing P-8 Poseidon shows three Iranian Revolutionary Guard fast-attack vessels near a commercial ship in the Strait of Hormuz Sunday, June 4, 2023.**

The Strait of Hormuz, the narrow mouth of the Persian Gulf, sees 20% of the world's oil pass through it. While the Navy did not identify the vessel involved, ship-tracking data from MarineTraffic.com analyzed by The Associated

Press showed the Marshall Islands-flagged bulk carrier Venture erratically changed course as it traveled through the strait at the time of the incident. Its location also matched information about the incident given by the United

Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations, a British military operation overseeing traffic in the region. The vessel also resembled the images released by the Navy. The ship's registered manager, Trust Bulkers of Athens, Greece, did not respond to

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a request for comment. Iran's state-run IRNA news agency later quoted Guard Rear Adm. Abbas Gholamshahi claiming that his vessels simply responded to the distress signal from the ship. However, the signal came because armed men were seen aboard the small vessels identified by the Navy as belonging to the Guard.

This latest incident comes after a series of maritime incidents involving Iran following the U.S. unilaterally withdrawing from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers in 2018.

The suspected American seizure of the Suez Rajan, a tanker linked to a U.S. private equity firm believed to have been carrying sanctioned Iranian crude oil off Singapore, likely sparked Tehran to recently take the Marshall Islands-flagged tanker Advantage Sweet. That ship carried Kuwaiti crude oil for energy firm Chevron Corp. of San Ramon, California.

While authorities have not acknowledged the Suez Rajan's seizure, the vessel is now off the coast of Galveston, Texas, according to ship-tracking data analyzed by the AP. □

## Jacinda Ardern given a top New Zealand honor for her service

By NICK PERRY

Associated Press

**WELLINGTON, New Zealand**

**(AP)** — Former Prime Minis-



**New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern speaks during a joint news conference with Australia's Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in Sydney, July 8, 2022.**

Associated Press

ter Jacinda Ardern on Monday received one of New Zealand's highest honors for her service leading the country through a mass shooting and pandemic. Ardern was made a Dame Grand Companion, the second-highest honor in New Zealand, as part of King Charles III's Birthday Honors. It means people will now call her Dame Jacinda. Royal honorees are typically chosen twice a year in New Zealand by the prime minister and signed off by Charles, the British king who is also recognized as New Zealand's king. Ardern was just 37 when she

became prime minister in 2017, and was seen as a global icon of the left. She shocked New Zealanders in January when she said she was stepping down as leader after more than five years because she no longer had "enough in the tank" to do it justice. She was facing mounting political pressures at home, including for her handling of COVID-19, which was initially widely lauded but later criticized by those opposed to mandates and rules.

Prime Minister Chris Hipkins, who succeeded Ardern, said she was being recog-

nized for her service during "some of the greatest challenges our country has faced in modern times."

"Leading New Zealand's response to the 2019 terrorist attacks and to the COVID-19 pandemic represented periods of intense challenge for our 40th prime minister, during which time I saw firsthand that her commitment to New Zealand remained absolute," Hipkins said in a statement.

Fifty-one Muslim worshippers were killed during Friday prayers in the 2019 attack at two Christchurch mosques by a white supremacist gunman. □



## More than 2 million people displaced, Burkina Faso's government says, as aid falls short

By **SAM MEDNICK**

**Associated Press**

**DAKAR, Senegal (AP)** —

Violence linked to al-Qaida and the Islamic State group has made Burkina Faso a country with one of the world's fastest-growing populations of internally displaced people, with the number mushrooming by more than 2,000% since 2019, according to government data.

Figures released last month showed more than 2 million people are internally displaced in the West African nation, the majority of them women and children, fueling a dire humanitarian crisis as the conflict pushed people from their homes, off their farms and into congested urban areas or makeshift camps.

Aid groups and the government are scrambling to respond amid a lack of funds and growing needs. One in four people requires aid, and tens of thousands are facing catastrophic levels of hunger. Yet not even half of the \$800 million humanitarian response budget requested last year by aid groups was funded,



Internally displaced people wait for aid in Djibo, Burkina Faso, May 26, 2022.

**Associated Press**

according to the United Nations.

"The spectrum of consequences (for people) is vast but grim at every point. A lot of people might die, and they're dying because they weren't able to access food and health services, because they weren't properly protected, and the humanitarian assistance and the gov-

ernment response wasn't sufficient," Alexandra Lamarche, a senior fellow at advocacy group Refugees International, said.

The violence has divided a once-peaceful nation, leading to two coups last year. Military leaders vowed to stem the insecurity, but jihadi attacks have continued and spread since Capt. Ibrahim

Traore seized power in September.

The government retains control of less than 50% of the country, largely in rural areas, according to conflict analysts. Al-Qaida and Islamic State-affiliated groups control or threaten large areas, said Rida Lyammouri, senior fellow at the Policy Center for the New South, a Morocco-

based think tank.

"State security forces don't have the resources (human and equipment) to fight both groups at all fronts," he said.

The jihadis' strategy of blocking towns, preventing people from moving freely and goods from flowing in, has compounded the displacement crisis. Some 800,000 people in more than 20 towns are under siege, say aid groups.

"The situation is very difficult. ... People don't have food, children don't have school," Bibata Sangli, 53, who left the eastern town of Pama in January 2022 just before it came under siege. She still has family there who are unable to leave, Sangli said.

A community leader who last year met Jafar Dicko, the top jihadi in Burkina Faso, said Dicko's group blockades towns that don't accept its rules, such as banning alcohol and requiring women to be veiled their faces. The leader spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media. □

## Saudi Arabia welcomes Venezuelan leader Maduro

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)** —

Saudi Arabia has welcomed Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on an official visit, reaching out to yet another U.S. foe as the oil-rich kingdom engages in a flurry of diplomacy.

Maduro arrived late Sunday in the Red Sea city of Jeddah, where he was greeted by Saudi officials, according to the state-run Saudi Press Agency.

It did not give a reason for the visit or elaborate on his schedule, but Saudi Arabia is hosting an international conference on combating extremism later this week in the capital, Riyadh. The gathering will be co-chaired by U.S. Secretary of

State Antony Blinken.

Saudi Arabia has been a close U.S. ally for decades, but relations have been

strained in recent years.

Over the last few months, the kingdom has restored relations with Iran's theoc-

racy and Syria's President Bashar Assad both seen as pariahs in the West.

Last month, the Saudis welcomed Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, a close Western ally, to an Arab League summit. But days later, they hosted a senior Russian official who is under Western sanctions. The Saudis say they are pursuing their own national interests in a world increasingly defined by great power competition. Experts say the diplomatic surge is aimed at shoring up regional stability and improving the kingdom's image as it seeks international investment for massive development projects.

Maduro was re-elected in

2018 after judges banned his main opponents from competing, plunging the country into a severe political and economic crisis. Most opposition parties refused to recognize the election results and challenged Maduro's rule by creating an interim government, a push for change that fizzled out over the past two years.

Washington backed the opposition and imposed heavy sanctions on Maduro's autocratic government, hoping that would spark change. But Maduro's government dug in and resisted the sanctions with support from Russia, Turkey and Iran. □



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro waves upon arrival for the South American Summit at Itamaraty palace in Brasilia, Brazil, on May 30, 2023.

**Associated Press**



## Know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke

**ORANJESTAD – Aruba is currently experiencing a heat wave, and the heat advisory is in place for today, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of June.**

High temperatures today should range from 34 to 36 degrees Celsius with humidity in the low to high 80's and 90's. This will make for heat index values (apparent temperatures) around 40 to 45 degrees each day. The heat and humidity will not subside much at night with temperatures only dropping into the high 20's, at 27 to 28 degrees Celsius. This will add to the danger for people who cannot find a way to adequately cool down.

Excessive heat is the number one weather killer. People should be prepared for the dangers excessive heat poses. Young children, elderly people and those with illnesses or heart conditions are at the most risk.

### **Know the difference between heat exhaustion and heat stroke**

The symptoms for heat exhaustion include headache; dizziness or fainting; heavy sweating; cold, pale and clammy skin; nausea or vomiting; fast, weak pulse; weakness or muscle cramps; and excessive thirst.

The symptoms for heat stroke, which is a medical

emergency, include headache; confusion or delirium; loss of consciousness; no sweating/ dry skin; hot, red skin; nausea or vomiting; rapid heart rate; body temperature above 104F.

In case a person is suffering heat exhaustion, you can hydrate with water or sports drink, and avoid alcohol. Move to a cooler, air-conditioned place. Lie down. If fully conscious, sip water. Take a cold shower or use cold compresses. If vomiting continues, seek medical attention. Remove tight fitting clothing or extra layers. Act quickly, as untreated heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.

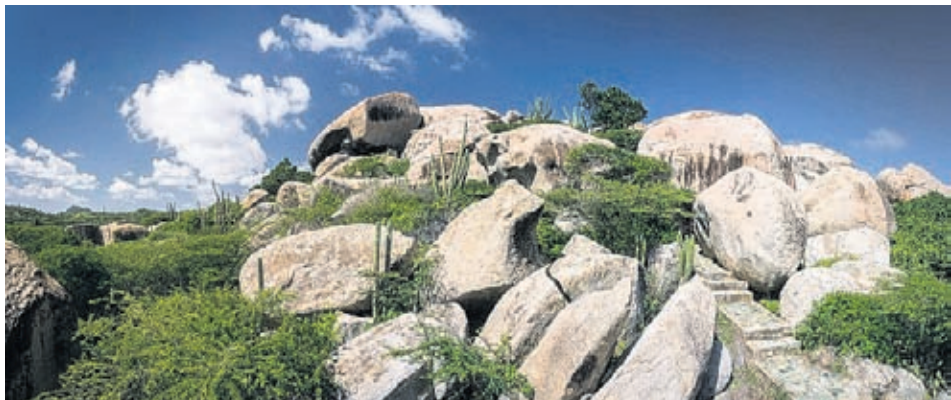


If suffering from heat stroke, call 911 immediately, as this is a medical emergency. Move the person to a cooler place. Use cold compresses to reduce body temperature. Do not give

fluids.

If you are suffering from a medical emergency during your stay in Aruba, please call 911. □

## Ayo & Casibari: Aruba's famous rock formations



**(Oranjestad)—The Ayo and Casibari Rock Formations are known locally as one of the crucial sites to have in your "off-road" trip itinerary. These naturally formed rock formations as just one of the few places on the island that hold a rich history**

**of our culture and of our ancestors.**

### **Ayo**

The Ayo Rock Formation is located in the northern part of the island, right on the road that leads you to the Black Stone Beach, and

close to the Natural Bridge. The Ayo is a fenced terrain that consists of several giant boulders, resting neatly on top of or side by side each other, adding gorgeous natural architecture to the surrounding "mondi"\*. This is also one of the few sites



to contain prehistoric markings of our indigenous ancestors. The Ayo Rock formation contains stairs that lead you to the top of the highest boulder, offering a breath-taking view of the Aruban backyard. The Ayo is usually quiet, as it is situated farther away from the busier parts of the island. However, this is just another charm of the site: the quiet area and the refreshing breeze offer a sense of comfort and peace.

### **Casibari**

Probably the busier rock formation site, the Casibari is situated more in the center of the island, much closer—and more accessible—to the general public. Just like Ayo, Casibari is a fenced area containing several boulders that lay on top or lean on each other. The best aspect of the Casibari Rock Formation is the accompanying

view when you climb up the top of the round, flat bolder. For this position, you can see the majority of the island and the ocean in the south. Right in front of the entrance, there is the Casibari Café and Grill, a great place to get refreshments and snack before continuing your off-road adventure!

Both sites are open free to the public, 24 hours a day. However, unless you are taking a trip with a professional tour guide, there are no guides at the sites to help you climb the rock. So, do be careful when trudging on the boulders, and make sure to befriend any roaming goats you see along the way!

\*Mondi: what we call our Aruban wilderness. We don't have forests, or deserts, but we do have mondi! □







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## Aruba's Bocas: home to the rarest fossil reefs on the planet!

**(Oranjestad)—If you've been to the northern coast of Aruba already, you've probably noticed how the ground differs entirely from the sandy beaches on the southern part of the island. These hard surfaces, with sharp bumps and holes are actually fossilized coral reefs, of which its growth and changes can be traced back to the last glacial period.**

On May 30 2023, geoscientists, Dr. Patrick Boyden from the Marum research faculty at the University of Bremen, Prof. dr. Alessio Rovere from the Ca' Foscari University of Venice and Prof. dr. Gianfranco Scicchitano, from the University of Bari Aldo Moro, presented their research on these fossilized coral reefs at the University of Aruba. Their focus for their research included studying the health and formation patterns of these coral reefs, and to investigate how these reefs

have responded and can respond to fluctuating sea levels or extreme weather, like hurricanes and tsunamis.

Through underwater and land surveillance, and 3D models of the reefs, they were able to narrow down when these formations started to take place. They were also

able to track the fluctuation of sea levels during the past hundred or even thousands of years, and the effects that this fluctuation has had on the coral reefs of the windward side of Aruba.

These findings can certainly put things into perspective. The ground on which we have walked many

times on the northern part of the island hold such rich history, history that dates back to a time that most of us cannot even imagine. As the scientists themselves have pointed out, these fossilized reefs on the windward side are truly an incredible and rare remnant of geological history, as they provide a clear view of how these reefs have formed.

This research is also important for the future of coral reefs on the island. By studying rising sea levels and climate impact on these coral reefs, we are able to take concrete action in protecting and preserve our coral reefs. So, if you are ever visiting one of the bocas or driving along the northern part of the island, please be conscious to help protect our natural historical remnant. Oh, and wear (coral-friendly) sunscreen! □





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## Aruba Tourism Authority honored loyal visitors at Costa Linda Beach Resort

The Aruba Tourism Authority recently had the great pleasure to recognize Goodwill Ambassadors of Aruba. These Ambassadors were respectively honored with certificates acknowledging their years of visits, loyalty, and love for the island of Aruba.

The honor certification is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation and to say "Masha Danki" to guests whom have visited Aruba 10, 20, or 35 years or more consecutively.

The three honoring levels are as follows:

Distinguished Visitor (10>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

Goodwill Ambassador (20>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

Emerald Ambassador (35>years consecutively visiting Aruba)

**The honorees were:**

Goodwill Ambassador

Mrs. Elaine Susan Donoghue from

Massachusetts, United States

**Goodwill Ambassadors**

Mr. Rodney Arthur & Mrs. Gerry Lynn Mandler from Minnesota, United States

Ms. Kimberley Richardson representing the Aruba Tourism Authority, and staff members of the Costa Linda Beach Resort bestowed the Ambassador certificates to the honorees, presented them with gifts, and also thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and their home-away-from-home.

Top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by Mrs. Donoghue were: Timeshare at the Costa Linda Beach Resort

Aruba's nice sandy beaches  
Aruba's warm & friendly people  
Aruba's variety of restaurants to choose from!

The number of activities to do



around the island – especially horseback riding

**Top reasons for returning to Aruba, provided by Mr. & Mrs. Mandler were:**

"Every visit to Aruba feels like a family reunion"

The excellent customer service offered by the welcoming Costa Linda Beach Resort staff

Aruba's year-round sunny weather  
"We are in love with Aruba"  
"Aruba is undoubtedly our home-away-from-home"

On behalf of the Aruba Tourism Authority, we would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the honorees for their continued visits to the "One Happy Island". □

## Aruba to me

**ORANJESTAD — You are back and we would like to portrait you! By inviting you to send us your favorite vacation picture while enjoying our Happy Island.**

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For today we received a lovely message from **Gail Ruxton**.

They wrote to us saying;

"Aruba to me is ..... where I first visited as a travel agent in 1986, instant love!

My job was to learn about the beauty of the island and it's people and it's properties and to come home to USA and sell vacations to Aruba!

My love and the passion I have for Aruba has sold many other people vacations and it also was instant love for each and everyone of them.

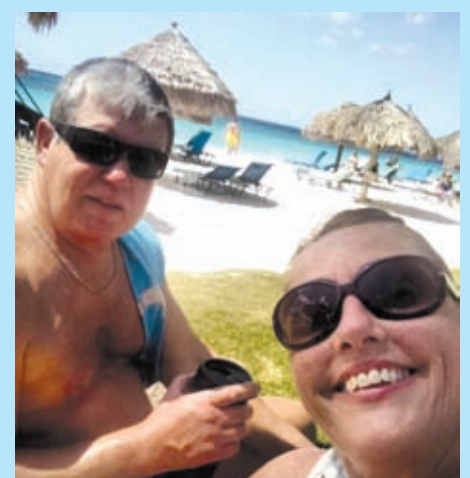
My husband and I have come to Aruba every year since our honeymoon there in 2000, and for our anniversaries since.

Each year, knowing I had my Aruba vacation to look forward to was my best motivator to get through daily life, working, and cold weather.

It truly is our paradise, our peace, our everything!!

We have now retired and beyond happy to tell you....

37 years since my first visit, and Aruba to me is ....my dream come



true! My husband and I will now have two longer trips every year to our Paradise, Aruba!"

Thank you for sending us this wonderful message sharing what Aruba means to you with us and our readers! □



# Hammerheads Hang in the Balance: Why These Sharks Deserve a Helping Hand

(Hammerhead) sharks play an important role in maintaining healthy oceans, which is important for the fisheries and the economy of the Caribbean islands. Later this year, the Dutch and French governments will officially propose that three species of hammerhead sharks are added to the SPAW Protocol Annex II list during the next Conference of the parties for the Cartagena Convention (COPS) on Aruba. This increased protection will give the Dutch Caribbean the tools they need to further protect these vital sharks moving forward.

Hammerhead sharks, Genus Sphyrna, are found all around the world. Three of nine world's species can be found in the Caribbean, including the scalloped hammerhead, the smooth hammerhead, and the great hammerhead. These species have a similar overall appearance, which makes identifying these sharks at the species level complicated. This has resulted in varying success for management and conservation actions, allowing loopholes for unwanted hammerhead shark mortalities to continue.

## Importance

(Hammerhead) sharks are

apex predators, which means that they are at the top of its food web and have no natural predators. Sharks help keep their prey population healthy by eating the sick and injured, while also affecting their prey's distribution. In healthy oceans, sharks help to maintain stable fish stocks and healthy coral reefs and seagrass beds, which is important for the fisheries and the economy (tourism) of the islands. (Hammerhead) sharks are vulnerable to human threats. Overfishing, pollution, and climate change are all factors that can have a negative impact on these animals.

## Protection

There are many organizations and individuals working to protect hammerhead sharks and their habitats in the Caribbean. A significant milestone was the establishment of protected areas such as the Yarari Marine Mammal and Shark Sanctuary between the BES islands. However, additional efforts are crucial to create more marine protected areas, reduce pollution in the ocean, and promote sustainable fishing practices.

The SPAW Protocol is a regional agreement where member countries have

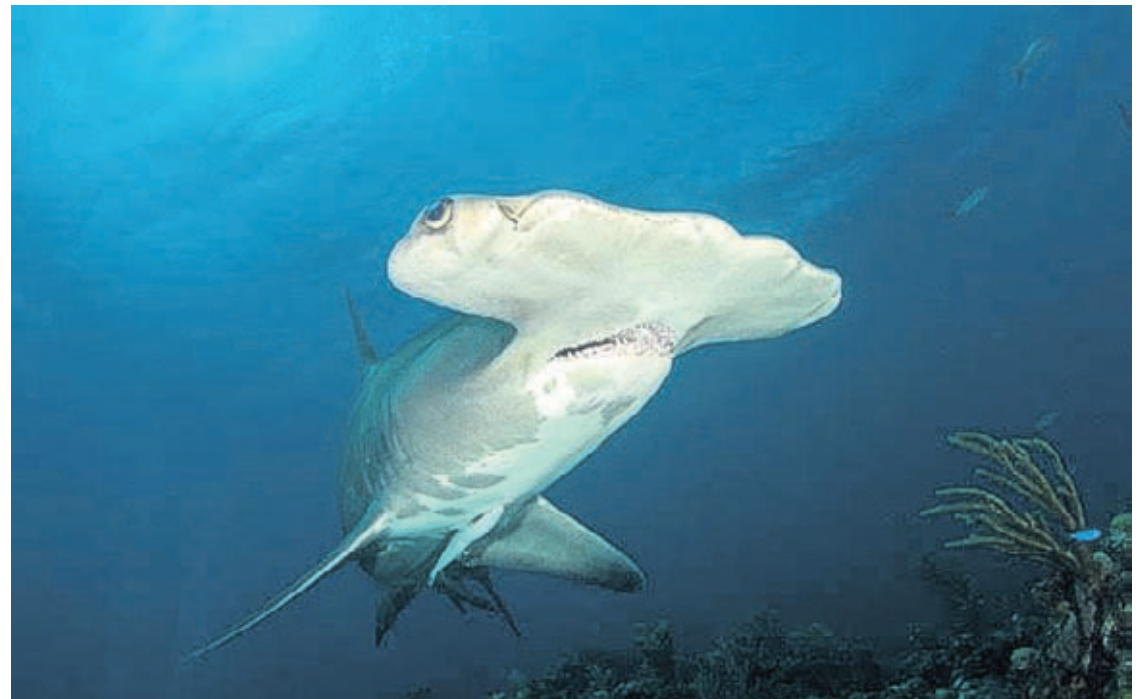


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committed to the protection and sustainable use of coastal and marine biodiversity within the Wider Caribbean Region. Within this agreement, species have been divided into three lists of varying levels of protection, named Annex I, II and III. Annexes I and II include a list of species which require the highest level of protection. For these species the possession, trade or even disturbance of these species is forbidden. Annex III includes a list of species of which the exploitation is authorized, but highly regulated.

In 2017, hammerhead sharks were added to the

Annex III list of the SPAW Protocol, but this has not resulted in the desired recovery of their populations. Therefore, the Kingdom of the Netherlands along with the Republic of France plan to submit a proposal during the next conference of the parties for the Cartagena Convention (COPS) to upgrade these sharks to the Annex II list. This will allow for these species to receive additional protection moving forward, ensuring these sharks are free to roam the Caribbean waters and contribute to healthy ecosystems for years to come.

## DCNA

The Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance (DCNA) supports science communication and outreach in the Dutch Caribbean region by making nature-related scientific information more widely available through amongst others the Dutch Caribbean Biodiversity Database, DCNA's news platform BioNews and the press. This article contains the results from several scientific studies but the studies themselves are not DCNA studies. No rights can be derived from the content. DCNA is not liable for the content and the in(direct) impacts resulting from publishing this article. □

## Can I have a ..., please?



**ORANJESTAD —** Want to taste something different for a change?? How about a different breakfast from what you are used to at your hotel. Hop in your car, drive around and anywhere around the island you will come across a local snack shop.

Here you will find all types of snacks loved by the locals. Try a pastechi, a Caribbean pastry filled with cheese or meat and fried up deliciously. Or perhaps you might want to try a croquette, a crusty little meat ball. A dedito is also a good option, it's a stick made out of cheese or hotdog. If you want to try something more familiar go for a home-made hamburger or a ham and cheese toast, but with a local touch. All these snacks are ridiculously addictive. Freshen up with a delicious fruit shake (batido) made out of watermelon, strawberry, banana, papaya or just mix any fruit together. What makes these little snack shops more attractive is the warmth of its people and with the smile you are being served. □



# Aruba's cultural and literary development: Then and now

(Oranjestad)—The Aruban culture has seen many substantial developments over the course of a century. With the introduction of the Lago Refinery at the turn of the 20th century, followed by the breakout of the Second World War and the general incentive for political independence during the mid-century, a cultural identity on the island began to take form and have since developed through international and local influences.

In the pre-industrial era of the 19th century, much could not be said about a cultural identity on the island. Still being a part of a Dutch colonial territory at the same, as well as not having political or economic autonomy (Curacao was the center of commerce, cultural life, and political management of the Netherland Antilles at the time), the small population of Aruba consisted mostly of farmers and fishermen, tending to their crops and their cattle, or going out to fish to provide for their family. As Quito Nicolaas states in his article *Historia di Literatura Arubiano: E Bida Cultural* (Literary History of Aruba: Cultural Life), "during the pre-industrial period, there were no significant economic activity that could have created a cultural ambience, with only one way to generate profit at the time for the subsistence of Aruban families."

It wasn't until the introduction of the Lago Refinery in San Nicolas in 1928, that the island saw a small boom in cultural manifestations and entertainment,

as farmers left the 'cunucu' (country) life to work in the refinery, which resulted in Aruba acquiring a different economic pillar. Before this, entertainment and cultural manifestations were mostly experiences by local parishes and the island's elite, who often partook in cultural and entertaining activities around the island, like going to the movie theater or coming together to share poetry on Sundays after church.

## Literary life

Throughout the 19th century and up until the 1940s, there were also not much trace of a cultural climate for the cultural-literary sector on the island. Primary education was introduced on the island mid-19th century, followed by secondary and higher education around the late 30's and 40's. It wasn't until the 1950s, with the introduction of the E.R.N.A agreement in 1951 and the signing of the Statute in 1954, which allowed more space for and control over the economic and cultural development of Aruba, that the literary life on the island began to grow substantially compared to decades be-



fore. This was in response to local institutions established in the 1940s for cultural and literary growth on the island, but that did not yet capture the attention of the general public. The 1950 brought with it a boom of literary production on the island, like those of V.S. Piterrella, as well as migrant authors José Ramón Vicioso y Rings William Rufus, who have also contributed to the literary

development on the island. The literary movement was further promoted by local broadcasters Voz di Aruba and Radio Kelkboom, with their regular broadcast of literary works.

The 50s and 60s also saw the influence of international cultures, especially that of the United States. During this time, because of international influences as well as the continued prosperity of the oil refinery, cultural traditions in Aruba began to really take form and become widespread, as different worldly and local concepts were introduced in the Aruban society. With the establishment of local television broadcast station Tele-Aruba in 1963, and with time and possibilities, local programs such as "Nos Tera" ("Our Land") started to pay more attention to the Aruban culture and worked to form a cultural consciousness in the

community. The 1960s also saw the rise of local authors and artists, who were more comfortable in producing works in our native tongue, Papiamentu, but who also produced works in Spanish, English and Dutch. This new phenomenon was in response to the interaction between economic growth, individual prosperity, cultural life and literary expression.

## The 21st century

Nowadays, international influence on our culture is still prevalent, especially those from Latin America, the United States and The Netherlands. Nevertheless, there also exists a strong cultural identity and traditions that are exclusive to the Aruban culture, often manifesting during traditional celebrations, like Dia di San Juan/ Dera Gai (St. John's Day), Dia di Himno y Bandera (National Hymn and Flag Day), Camping during Easter and much more. With the surge of social media in the last decade, artistic voices, especially those of the younger generation, has become even more prevalent and easily accessible to the community of Aruba through online platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and TikTok. Source: *Historia di Literatura Arubiano: E Bida Cultural* by J.R. "Quito" Nicolaas





# CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

## ACROSS

- 1 San Diego player
- 6 Steer clear of
- 11 Match in value
- 12 Pago Pago setting
- 13 Elevator features
- 15 Used a chair
- 16 Valuable rock
- 17 View
- 18 Little hooter
- 20 Injures
- 23 Unimportant
- 27 Lotion additive
- 28 Account
- 29 Piquant
- 31 Was furious
- 32 Baseball's Judge
- 34 Maple fluid
- 37 "Survivor" network
- 38 Oahu souvenir
- 41 Batters who suffered from the shift
- 44 Worried
- 45 Foe
- 46 Map lines
- 47 Ouzo flavor

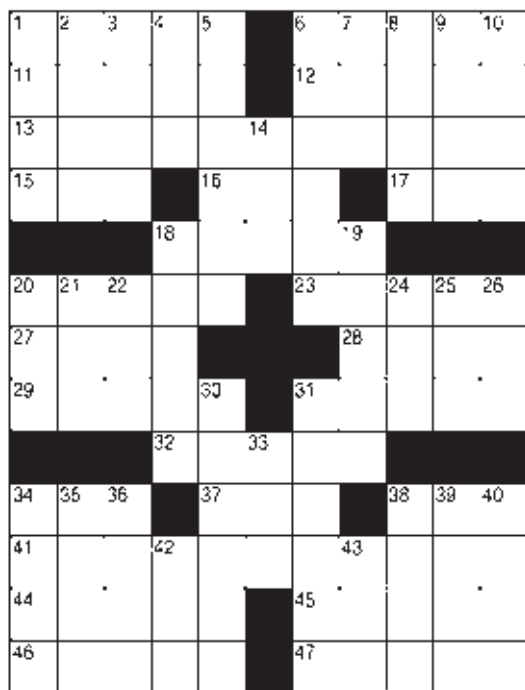
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- 3 Maid's target
- 4 Cheering cry
- 5 Arm joints
- 6 High regard
- 7 Dyeing tub
- 8 Singer
- 9 Finished
- 10 Move slowly
- 14 Web address
- 18 Letter after psi
- 19 Moon of Saturn
- 20 Derby or boater



Yesterday's answer

- 21 Copying
- 22 Harry's friend
- 24 Old horse
- 25 Bullring cry
- 26 Spectrum end
- 30 Marina boats
- 31 Raised platforms
- 33 Batter's stat
- 34 Prepare for a fight
- 35 Lot buy
- 36 Entreaty
- 38 Writer
- 39 Historic times
- 40 Cruise stop
- 42 Young fellow
- 43 Badge material



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AXYDLBAA XR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

## CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE WORLD IS LIKE A GREAT EMPTY DREAM. WHY SHOULD ONE TOIL AWAY ONE'S LIFE? — LI BAI

## Kimberly Palmer: Financial tips for new college grads



A tassel with 2023 on it rests on a graduation cap as students walk in a procession for Howard University's commencement in Washington, May 13, 2023.

Associated Press

By KIMBERLY PALMER  
of NerdWallet

For new college graduates, receiving that first post-degree paycheck can be almost as exciting as getting the diploma itself. But it also presents a challenge: Given the many demands on a young person's budget, how should those funds be managed? We asked five money experts to share their best personal finance strategies to help this year's college grads successfully launch their financial lives. Here's what they said.

### FIND YOUR BUDGETING STYLE

To figure out how to allocate your money toward needs, wants and everything else, Erin Lowry, author of the "Broke Millennial Workbook," says that instead of following the latest budgeting trend on TikTok, it's helpful to just sit down with a pen and paper. "Write down what your big expenses are," she says. After accounting for large items like rent, car payments and food, you can then see what nonessentials also fit. "You might want to go out to dinner with friends, build up new work attire or adopt a dog," Lowry says. Writing out the budget helps you figure out what you can afford and when, she adds. "We conceive of budgets as restrictive things that keep us from having fun, but you should be thinking of it as a way of controlling how your money is spent. If you don't know, you've sacrificed all control," Low-

ry says.

### FACTOR IN TAXES

Melissa Jean-Baptiste, a financial educator and the author of the book "So... This Is Why I'm Broke," says it's easy to forget to account for taxes, so you might have less take-home pay than you anticipated. Retirement contributions and other deductions can further lower that amount. Jean-Baptiste suggests setting aside some time to really understand your first paycheck and all those deductions. "Take yourself on a money date so you understand how much you're bringing home and how much you have left to save and invest," she says.

### SAVE SMARTLY

Even if they're paying off debt, Alex Rezzo, a certified financial planner and the founder of Andante Financial in the Los Angeles area, urges new grads to start saving for retirement right away. "There will always be a more immediate excuse to delay saving for retirement," he says, but he urges people to find a way to save at least 1% of each paycheck and to increase that amount over time. □

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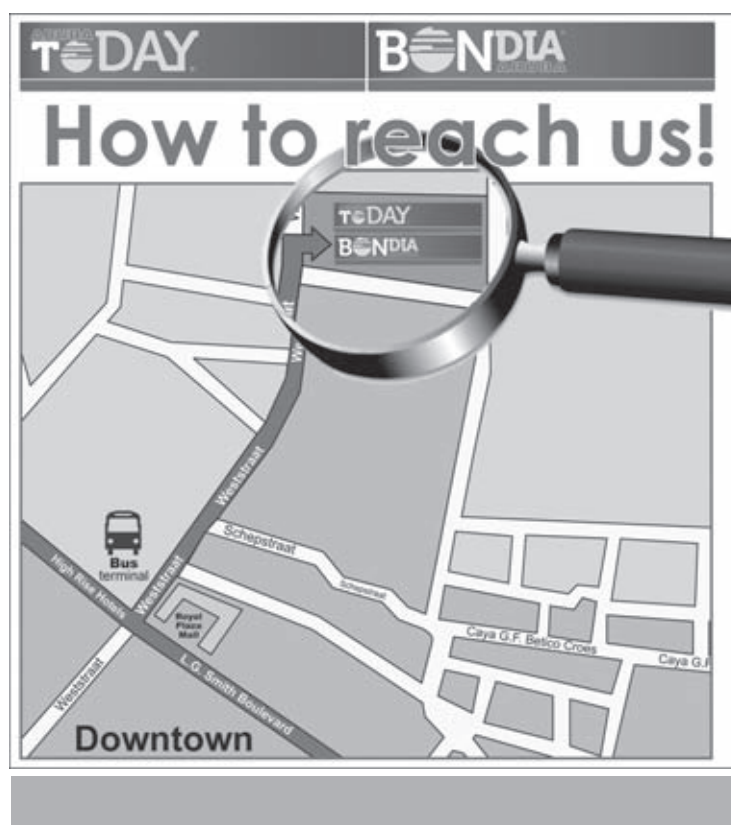
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## 'Past Lives' is a gorgeous meditation on the choices we make

By **JOCELYN NOVECK**  
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Two minutes away, the Uber app promises at one point in "Past Lives." And if you're like me, you may find yourself perhaps for the first time in your Uber-riding life hoping that promise is a bald-faced lie.

Because you'll want more minutes, many more, for the couple presumably about to be separated by that Uber, even though they're simply staring at each other on the street, saying absolutely nothing. This is but one small moment of playwright Celine Song's gorgeous, aching wistful feature debut. But it highlights her striking confidence as a filmmaker. Time and again, Song, who both writes and directs here, makes the unflashy, understated choice and in so doing, darned near breaks our hearts, with a tale that feels universal yet rich in detail, urgent yet unrushed. And if, also like me, you suddenly feel tears forming, they may surprise you, precisely because nobody's been trying to force them. We begin with a trio chatting in a New York bar a woman flanked by two men. We're too far away to hear what they're saying



This image released by A24 shows Greta Lee, left, and Teo Yoo in a scene from "Past Lives." Associated Press

or understand how they're connected, and we hear distant voices speculating: "Maybe they're tourists, and he's the tour guide?" Flashback 24 years to Seoul, where Nora (then called Na Young) and close friend Hae Sung, both 12, are walking home from school. Nora, her hair in long braids, is crying because she lost first place on a school assignment to Hae Sung. (She's an ambitious sort.) The friendship too early for romance is about to be sadly interrupted, because Nora's family is moving to Canada.

Twelve years pass. Nora (Greta Lee, terrific in a smart, restrained performance that echoes her director's style) has now moved to New York as an aspiring playwright (yes, much of this story is autobiographical.) On a lark one day, she tries to look up figures from her past. Searching for Hae Sung, she learns he was recently looking for her, too. They schedule a video chat at first halting, but soon they're chatting day and night. Hae Sung (Teo Yoo) is still living at home, common for young Koreans, and studying at university.

He has plans to go to China. Nora is moving ahead with her own dreams (her goal has shifted from a Nobel to a Pulitzer.) When the distance becomes too painful, Nora calls for a break. Not long after, she attends a writing residency and meets Arthur (John Magaro), a fellow writer. And 12 years pass again. The two live in Brooklyn and have been married seven years. Suddenly, Nora hears from Hae Sung. He's coming from Seoul and wants to see her. Their meeting in a city park is nothing like

the rom-com encounter it could be in another film. Song knows that in real life, there's often an inability to react quickly or cleverly or even at all, for awhile. The director lets awkward silences stand.

Over the next few days the couple gets to know each other. Not surprisingly, Arthur feels somewhat threatened. Late at night he quietly tells Nora that she dreams in Korean, a language and world he does not know. He wonders if he's "the guy you leave in the story when your ex comes to take you away." And suddenly we're back at that restaurant bar scene, and now we understand. The three characters try to navigate the unusual circumstances. They discuss what-ifs, and zoom in on a Korean concept of fate, explained by Nora earlier as the connection between two people that has been influenced or determined by connections in past lives hence the film's title.

Without giving away the ending, it's worth noting that Song has drawn much from her own life down to that bar scene, and a similar visit from a long-ago connection from Korea. □

## 'George,' a memoir by Frieda Hughes, is about saving and being saved by a wild bird

By **ANN LEVIN**  
Associated Press

Frieda Hughes in an English poet and painter who has built a following on birding Instagram (@frieda-hughes) with her beguiling videos of owls. She has also written several children's books and a weekly poetry column for The Times of London. Yet she has spent much of her life living in the shadow of her world-famous parents, the poets Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath.

In her new book, "George: A Magpie Memoir," her first

work of nonfiction, Hughes recounts the nearly two years she spent caring for an injured baby magpie a "tiny, feathered scrap" at her ramshackle estate some 200 miles from London and how it helped her come to terms with her traumatic legacy.

On one level, it is an expert bit of nature writing, akin to a David Attenborough documentary. But on another level, it is a psychologically profound investigation of how George, her other animals, and the extensive gardens she culti-

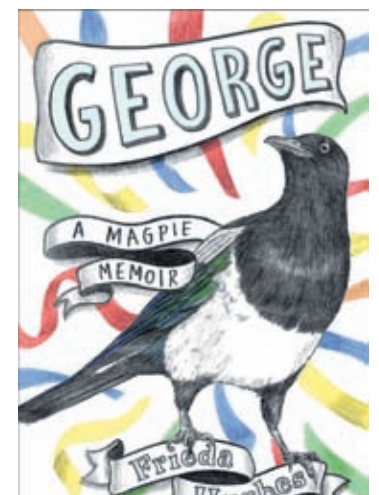
vates on an acre of land in the Welsh countryside give her the "stability and sense of permanence" that she lacked as a child.

"I felt as if the ground on which I stood was constantly changing and shifting, and that if I looked away for just a minute, then looked back, the landscape would have altered, and I'd have a whole other universe to acclimatize to," she writes about her childhood.

But as she settles into her "forever home" in Wales, she is finally able to gain

some perspective about her American mother's 1963 suicide, when she was just a toddler; the peripatetic lifestyle of her father, the British poet laureate; and the 2009 suicide of her younger brother, Nick, at age 47, after a lifelong struggle with depression.

George is her salvation. By carefully observing his strange but endearing bird-brained behavior his insatiable curiosity, penchant for hiding things and attraction to all things red she discovers the courage and wisdom she needs at a



This cover image released by Avid Reader Press shows "George: A Magpie Memoir" by Frieda Hughes.

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difficult moment of her life when a chronic pain condition recurs and her third marriage is falling apart. □



# Gauff gets rematch against Swiatek in French Open quarterfinals

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

**PARIS (AP)** — Coco Gauff could have hoped for the easy way out. Ever since the French Open bracket determined that the 19-year-old Floridian might end up in a quarterfinal against Iga Swiatek, perhaps it would have been understandable if Gauff wished to avoid that particular matchup.

After all, Gauff lost to Swiatek in the final at Roland Garros a year ago. And, after all, Swiatek owns a 6-0 head-to-head lead over their still-nascent careers. But, at least in part because of what happened on June 4, 2022, and at least in part because she knows Swiatek sets the bar in women's tennis these days, Gauff was thinking about, even wishing for, a rematch on June 7, 2023.

That is what will happen on Wednesday in Paris: No. 1 Swiatek vs. No. 6 Gauff for a berth in the semifinals. In Monday's fourth round, Gauff put aside a bloody knee from a fall to produce a 7-5, 6-2 victory over 100th-ranked Anna Karolina Schmiedlova, before Swiatek moved on when her opponent, 66th-ranked Lesia Tsurenko, stopped playing because she was



**Coco Gauff of the U.S. plays a shot against Slovakia's Anna Karolina Schmiedlova during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, Monday, June 5, 2023.**

Associated Press

sick and had problems breathing while trailing 5-1 in the first set.

Gauff played earlier in sun-splashed, windy Court Philippe Chatrier, and she was wrapping up her news conference just as Swiatek and Tsurenko were playing their very first point in Court Suzanne Lenglen.

So the question was put to Gauff: Would you rather deal with the difficulty of facing Swiatek again or face pretty much anyone

else?

Her answer sounded both honest and revelatory.

"Since last year, I have been wanting to play her especially at this tournament. I figured that it was going to happen, because I figured I was going to do well and she was going to do well," Gauff said. "But I'm the type of mentality: If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best. I think also if you want to improve, you have to play

the best. I feel like the way my career has gone so far, if I see a level, and if I'm not quite there at that level, I know I have to improve. And I feel like you don't really know what you have to improve on until you see that level."

Swiatek already achieved some of what Gauff wants to achieve and, maybe just as importantly, believes she's capable of achieving, too.

The 22-year-old from Po-

land took over at No. 1 in the WTA rankings 14 months ago, a status that is on the line at this tournament.

She owns three Grand Slam titles — two at the French Open and one at the U.S. Open.

Gauff's best showing at a major was the runner-up finish at Roland Garros, where she is now into the quarterfinals for the third consecutive appearance.

"It would be almost cowardly to say that I want to not face the noise and not face the challenge, but I think that I'm up for it. I have improved a lot since last year, and she has, too," Gauff said about a half-hour before it was known that she indeed would play Swiatek next. "I think it would be a great battle for us and for the fans, too. I'm sure they would appreciate that matchup, as well." Swiatek figures they know each other's games well. But she also made the point that a quarterfinal does not have the same stakes or same pressure as a final does.

"This is a totally different year, totally different tournament," said Swiatek, who hasn't dropped a set so far and won four by a 6-0 score. "I have to be ready. □"



**Virginia Tech quarterback Michael Vick (7) eludes Clemson's Keith Adams for a short gain in the first quarter of the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., Monday, Jan. 1, 2001.**

Associated Press

## Vick, Fitzgerald and Suggs among stars on College Football Hall of Fame

IRVING, Texas, Michael Vick, Larry Fitzgerald and Terrell Suggs are among the college football stars who will be considered for induction to the Hall of Fame for the first time this year.

The National Football Foundation released Monday a list of 78 players and nine coaches from major college football who are on the Hall of Fame ballot. There also are 101 players and 32 coaches from lower divisions of college football up for consideration.

Vick, who led Virginia Tech to the BCS championship game against Florida State as a redshirt freshman in 1999, is among the most notable players appearing on the ballot in his first year of eligibility.

Vick finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting in 1999. He played one season of college football before being drafted No. 1 overall by the Atlanta Falcons in 2001. Vick's professional career was interrupted when he served 21 months in prison for his in-

volvement in dog fighting. Fitzgerald was the Heisman runner-up in 2003 to Oklahoma quarterback Jason White. He scored 34 touchdowns in just two seasons at Pitt.

Suggs led the nation in sacks with 24 in 2002 for Arizona State.

The 2024 Hall of Fame class will be chosen by the National Football Foundation's Honors Court and announced in January. Induction into the Atlanta-based hall is the following December. □



# Heat are on a comeback run like few others in this year's NBA playoffs

By **TIM REYNOLDS**  
AP Basketball Writer

**MIAMI (AP)** — The easiest way to explain what the Miami Heat are doing in the comeback department during these playoffs is simply to put up their numbers against the rest of the league.

When facing a deficit of at least 12 points this postseason:

The Heat are 7-6.

The rest of the NBA is 6-59. Combined.

"Biggest thing for us, we had the will and we had the belief," Heat center Bam Adebayo said. "And we keep finding ways to win." Doesn't matter the opponent, either. Milwaukee, New York, Boston and now Denver in the NBA Finals all have found themselves on the wrong end of a Heat rally.

Miami rallied from 15 points down to beat top-seeded Milwaukee in Game 4 and then from 16 down to win the clinching Game 5; from 12 down to win Game 1 over New York and from 14 down in Game 6 to eliminate the Knicks; erased a 13-point deficit in Game 1 at Boston and then a 12-point deficit to win Game 2 over the Celtics and now, a 15-point comeback to win Game 2 of the NBA Finals over Denver.

Sunday night's rally matched the fifth-largest in a finals game in the last



**Miami Heat center Bam Adebayo, right, celebrates with forward Jimmy Butler after scoring against the Denver Nuggets during the second half of Game 2 of basketball's NBA Finals, Sunday, June 4, 2023, in Denver.**

25 years. The Heat trailed the Nuggets 50-35 with 5 minutes left in the second quarter and outscored Denver 76-58 the rest of the way to even the series. The series now shifts to Miami, with both teams practicing there Tuesday before Game 3 on Wednesday night. This improbable story a team that trailed in the final minutes of an elimination game of the play-in tournament somehow getting to the NBA Finals now has an even wackier plot twist. The eighth-seeded Heat have home-court advantage in the title series over Denver, the No. 1 seed

out of the Western Conference. "We've won on the road before," Nuggets veteran Jeff Green said after Game 2 in Denver. "I think we understand what's at stake. They did what they were supposed to do. They came in here, got a split. Now they're going home, and I think we have to go in there worried about Game 3. We can't worry about Game 4. We have to worry about Game 3."

What Miami is doing is simultaneously historic and completely on brand for the Heat. There have been four teams in the last 25 years to have seven post-

season wins after trailing by double digits in a game; Golden State did it last year on the way to the NBA title. The other three teams on that list? The 2011 Heat, the 2012 Heat and now the 2023 Heat all coached by Erik Spoelstra.

"We faced a lot of adversity during the season," Spoelstra said. "We handled it the right way. ... It steeled us and we developed some grit, which is what we all want. We want to be able to have that privilege of having adversity and being able to overcome it.

You gain strength from that."

**Associated Press**

The effect of all that adversity like 44 games decided by five points or fewer, the Heat going 28-16 so far in those is this: They just never think they're out of a game. Sure, there's the axiom that in the NBA every team eventually makes a run, and that's largely true, but the Heat didn't even raise the surrender flag in Game 1 when trailing by 21 points in the fourth quarter. They got the lead down to nine with 2:34 left.

And in Game 2, the comeback wasn't in vain.

Down eight going into the fourth, Duncan Robinson and Gabe Vincent two undrafted guards who were forged from the Heat player development program scored Miami's first 15 points of the final quarter. They gave Miami the lead, and the Heat didn't give it away.

"We just needed to come out with a sense of urgency in that fourth," Robinson said afterward. "It was kind of like a now or never sort of thing. Started with the defense, obviously, and we were able to do some things from there."

What made the Game 2 comeback even more improbable even for a team that is making rallies seem like an everyday thing in the playoffs is that the Nuggets were 45-3 this season in games where they led by at least 15 points. □



**St. Louis Cardinals designated hitter Albert Pujols reacts after hitting his 700th career home run during the fourth inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers in Los Angeles, Sept. 23, 2022**

**Associated Press**

## Albert Pujols hired to assist MLB commissioner

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Albert Pujols was hired Monday by Major League Baseball as a special assistant to Commissioner Rob Manfred. The retired slugger will consult on issues related to his native Dominican Republic, among other areas. He also will start work Tuesday as an MLB Network analyst. "Albert is a highly respected figure who represents the game extraordinarily well," Manfred said in a statement. "He cares greatly

about making a difference in our communities."

Pujols hit 703 home runs, fourth behind Barry Bonds (762), Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714), and his 2,218 RBIs are second to Aaron's 2,297. Pujols hit .296 in an MLB career spanning from 2001-22 with the St. Louis Cardinals and Los Angeles Angels and Dodgers, and his 3,384 hits are among the top 10.

He is among several former players working for MLB.

Joe Torre and CC Sabathia are special assistants, and Cal Ripken Jr. and Ken Griffey Jr. are senior advisers. MLB's staff includes senior vice president for on-field operations Raul Ibanez, senior vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion Billy Bean, vice president for on-field strategy Joe Martinez and baseball operations staff Gregor Blanco, Rajai Davis, Adam Jones, Dan Otero and Bo Porter. □